PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1722

Group Art Unit: 1722

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takehiro KATA et al.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the April 21, 2003 Office Action, the following is submitted:

Amendments to the Drawings include attached replacement sheets;

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets makes changes to Figs. 2, 3 and 5 and replaces the original sheets with Figs. 2, 3 and 5.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets